

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 1, 8, and 16 have been amended, and new claims 24-25 has been added, without prejudice or disclaimer of any previously claimed subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-25 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Claims 1, 8, and 16 have been amended without prejudice to promote prosecution.

Applicants submit that each of claims 1-23 are definite in accordance with Section 112.

Claims 1, 8, and 16 have been amended to recite "or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, hydrate or solvate thereof" as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 8 and 16 also have been amended to clarify the "Pg" group as requested by the Examiner.

The phrase "a second sugar comprising" in claims 1, 8, and 16 has been amended to recite "a second sugar consisting of".

In view of the amendments to the claims, allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 342312003700.

Respectfully submitted,

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